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358 YONGE ST. Toronto, Ontario ... March 6th 1896

William Brewster Esq
Cambridge Mass

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of March 4th we are sending by express a box of skins as follows, a White-tailed Ptarmigan, an Arctic Horned Owl, a Canada Jay, two ♂ Pine Grosbeaks and a Snow Bunting; as samples

The Arctic Horned Owl is one of last seasons, and the whitest we have.

We have no Gray Ruffed Grouse good enough, but will send one in about a week and also skins of the Willow Ptarmigan and Northern Hairy Woodpecker

We trust you will find our skins suitable for your collection, we know the standard of skins you require and are always glad to get any criticisms on our work, should you desire any special shape in skins, if a sample is sent we will alter ours to suit.

Do you want a series of Horned Owls? we can give you a very complete set, we have one rather remarkable bird from Northern Alberta, very gray;

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and have skins from all over the North-west, and Ontario. We have some good Hawk Owls at $2.25, and can get many rare birds.

Yours faithfully

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358 YONGE ST. Toronto, Ontario ... March 14 ... 1896

William Brewster Esq
Cambridge Mass.

Dear Sir

We received your letter of the 11th enclosing P.O.O. for $10.35, the Arctic Horned Owl is one of the very light ones that we list at $2.00 so that with the discount there is still a balance of 76¢ owing us. We have enclosed a receipted bill for the entire amount. We are glad to get your opinion of our skins we are of your opinion in reference to sizes, and we understand from your letter that the class of skins you want are like those made by Worthington of Shelter Island N.Y. and by Brimley of North Carolina. We will make a Northern Hairy Woodpecker up as you wish and send it with the grouse.
The Snow-bird need not be returned.
We have been promised skins of the white-tailed Ptarmigan in summer plumage, and will let you know if we get any.
We enclose a list of owl skins, you will find them a good series. Yours truly

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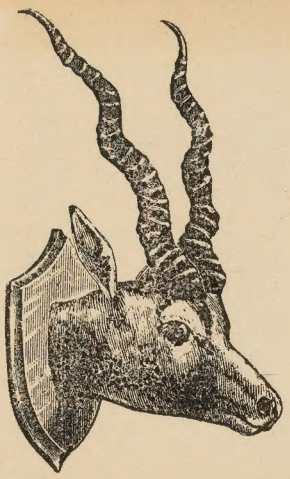
List of Horned Owls

✓149 ♀ very red Ontario
✓128 ♂ ordinary virginianus Ontario
✓125 ♀ " " "
✓269 C.♂. absence of buff and barred transversely Edmonton Alberta
✓269 C.♀. Same as 269C. Edmonton Alberta
✓269 a. ♀ Calgary Alberta
✓269 b ♀ Edmonton " ordinary virginianus unusual colour for the locality
✓269 d ♀ Ontario, lighter than the average.
✓127 ♀ " very dark
✓126 ♀ " light for the locality

10 Skins $30.00

We can also give you two ♀s and two ♂s of the Arctic Horned Owl, one ♀ has an unusual amount of buff and the others are the usual run of birds, two being as light as the one we show but give a good idea of the owls of the plains of Manitoba.
4 Skins @ 4.00 $16.00
Note. The prices quoted are net



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358 YONGE ST. Toronto, Ontario. March 25 1896

William Brewster Esq
Cambridge Mass.

Dear Sir

We are sending the ten Horned Owls, as directed, today and have put in a box containing two Ruffed Grouse from Manitoba we would like to know what they are, they are representative Manitoba specimens.

We also send a Northern Hairy Woodpecker made up according to your directions, let us know if it suits.

In reference to Arctic Horned Owls, the one we sent is one of a pair that are lighter than any others we have had except a skin we bought in England last year, and it was only lighter on the back of the head. We got a specimen last week from near Athabasca Landing in Alberta that was not any lighter than the ordinary run of Manitoba birds.

We could pick you out a fairly good series of Hawk Owls from what we have on hand, those that came today are very brown.

Yours truly
Oliver Spanner & Co

P.S. We might take back any skins that do not suit among the ones we are sending today O S & Co

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March 26th 1896.

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358 YONGE ST. *Toronto, Ontario* May 12th 1896

William Brewster Esq
Cambridge Mass.

Dear Sir

We understand from your letter that you would be away after April 1st or we would have acknowledged the receipt of the draft for $34.40 before, we also delayed hoping to get you some Grouse to replace the two we sent you. We have sent one to your address today by post and are afraid we cannot get the second one till the Autumn, the one we have just sent is rather peculiar and we hope it will suit.

We have not succeeded in getting any good Hairy Woodpeckers yet.

We have a beautiful Three-toed Woodpecker and a Saw-whet Owl from Banff Alberta both good skins.

Is there any sale in Boston for Japanese birds particularly waders?

Yours truly

Oliver Spanner & Co

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358 YONGE ST. Toronto, Ontario July 28 1896

William Brewster Esq
Cambridge Mass

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of the 26th, the grouse was sent to replace a specimen we told you that was not a first class skin, there is another one yet to be replaced but at that time we could only get the single bird to send you. We are very sory the bird has been injured it was all right when we sent it and none of our skins have been attacked by insects.

Do you want any skins of Ruffed Grouse Oregon Ruffed Grouse or Mongolian Pheasants. If you still want any Hawk Owl skins we will sell them at $1.75 to clear and what we have in stock.

We have some good Black-billed Plover Knots etc.

Yours truly Oliver Spanner & Co

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358 YONGE ST. Toronto, Ontario. Dec 18 1896

Wm Brewster Esq
Cambridge Mass.

Dear Sir
We have some good mature Goshawks from Toronto at $2.50 and some males of Richardson's Grouse not quite Skinning at 5.00 each we have had a great deal of trouble getting this species.
We have good skins of Clark's Nutcracker at $1.25 each.
We have only a few Hairy Woodpeckers as yet but if you still want any we will try and get specimens from Alberta Manitoba and Northern Ontario.
We have some Hoary Redpolls from here.

Yours Truly
Oliver Spanner & Co

Spanner - Oliver & Co
Dec. 18th, 1896.

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358 YONGE STREET TORONTO, CANADA February 16 1897

William Brewster Esq
Cambridge Mass

Dear Sir

We did not reply to your letter of January 1st sooner hoping to be able to get more Hoary Redpalls but none have come yet and we are unlikely to get any this winter. We send you another Clark's Nutcracker and a Willow Ptarmigan today by post. We have more Ptarmigan but the beaks are pointing upwards not straight out, as you prefer.

We have a fine series of Snowy Owls a Cinerous Owl with a good deal of brown on it and we can sell you a really good pair of Richardson's Owls for $4.50 the pair.

There are a few Goshawks still in the southern part of the province and there were an unusual number at Winnipeg last Autumn.

We enclose bill for birds sent

Yours truly Oliver Spanner & Co

Spanner – Oliver & Co
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358 YONGE STREET TORONTO, CANADA March 8th 1897

Wm Brewster Esq
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir

We sent the two Richardson's Owls today by post, and are sorry the Ptarmigan did not fit, we had no end of trouble getting skins this year, but if you care to return it we will allow for it.

In reference to Richardson's Owl, in the last three years we have had only four specimens two from Manitoba, one from Alberta and one from Newfoundland. It seems utterly impossible to get more than one or two at any time. A specimen was killed near Toronto last winter and another in the city this year.

Do you know of any record of the colour of the feet and bill of Coy's Bittern is or any published description of the bird, the picture in the 'Auk' is not quite correct.

Yours truly

Oliver Spanner & Co

Spanner – Oliver & Co.
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358 YONGE STREET TORONTO, CANADA Mar 25 1897

W. Brewster Esq
Dear Sir.
I have just brought to light a Another Cory's Bittern. the only one taken in 1896. that we know of. I have it for sale to the Party who will give the best price for it. this bird is well mounted and the Best Plumage of the 4 in Toronto If you Care to Make me a offer I shall be Pleased to hear from you. I will send Photo to any one wishing to Purchase. If you do not care to Purchase your self and know of any one Else that would will you Kindly let them know. this is a good Bird in Every Respect

We have Just Received 5 fine Ravens Which we can sell at $1.75 Each Made in Skins to suit you. I think

I Remain Your
Very Truly
Oliver Spanner

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358 YONGE STREET TORONTO, CANADA June 25th 1897

Wm Brewster Esq
Cambridge Mass.

Dear Sir

In answer to your letter of May 23rd we sent two Ravens by express yesterday, you mentioned in your letter that you did not want them sent till June 20th.

In reference to Gray's Bittern after hearing from you we decided to send the bird to England knowing that we could not get a fair price for it in America, it is now on the wing.

We have a drawing of the feet and beak of Gray's Bittern from a fresh bird that would be useful in case you want to compare it with the ordinary bird.

Yours truly
O. Spanner & Co

Spanner Oliver & Co
June 25, 1897

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358 YONGE STREET TORONTO, CANADA December 15th 1898

Wm Brewster Esq
Cambridge Mass.

In reply to your letter of the 4th, the mistaken report of Corys Bittern must have arisen from the list published in the 'Bulk' several years ago, and on two letters from England [illegible] to confirm the mistake, so I thought I would ask you.

We have had no word about the arrival of the Spring at the Zoological Museum. It seems highly probable that some rare birds will be taken here this winter on Iceland Shell [illegible] that a few days ago, and a Killewake a few weeks ago.

We have a Splendid Black Fox a beauty with Skull and the first leg bones in good condition for mounting. [illegible]

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Dec. 15, 1898.

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358 YONGE STREET TORONTO, CANADA Feb 23d 1899

Wm Brewster Esq
Cambridge Mass

Dear Sir

We expect a pair of the flightless duck Nesonetta aucklandica ~~from~~ of the Auckland Islands we have reason to believe the bird quite extinct as nothing has been heard of it for some time. Does Harvard University want specimens? we can sell these specimens at $25.00 for the male and $20.00 for the ♀.

We can get several of the rare New Zealand birds if the museum claims them, it is getting harder and harder to obtain the rare birds from that region. In reference to the Black Fox we do not yet know what we will do with it but will let you know.

Yours truly
J. H. Fleming
for O. S. & Co

Spanner Oliver & Co
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358 YONGE STREET

Toronto, March 9th 1899

CANADA

Wm Brewster Esq
Cambridge Mass.

Dear Sir

In reference to Nesomitra antelandica, the specimens did not come last mail so we do not expect them for a month yet, they will of course be in skins, we cannot say what condition they will be in; as a rule New Zealand birds come out better than other families they are some again and make up well. Some Chatham Island skins we had last year were excellent for better than any from the mainland, but we have to take what we can get from the outlying islands.

Yours truly

J. H. Fleming
for O. S. & Co

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358 YONGE STREET

Toronto, March 23d 1899
CANADA

Wm Brewster Esq
Cambridge Mass.

Dear Sir

We are sending by express to the museum the pair of Nesonetta Aiklandica. They seem to be in good condition and trust they will be satisfactory.

We enclose bill [$45]

Yours truly

Oliver Spanner & Co

Per J. H. T.

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358 YONGE STREET

Toronto, April 18 1899

CANADA

Wm Brewster Esq
Cambridge Mass

Dear Sir

We sent a pair of ducks (Nesonetta aucklandica) to the museum of Comparative Zoology some time ago, we have had no word of them but trust they have arrived in safety.

We have four female Canada Goose skins an interesting series from the Dist of Parry Sound they all differ more or less, we will sell them for $1.25 each we also have some good Ravens from the same district at $1.50 each

Don't want any of them!

Yours truly

Oliver Spanner & Co

per L. H. Z.

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358 YONGE STREET

Toronto, October 13th 1899

CANADA

Walter Deane Esq
Cambridge Mass

Dear Sir

In reference to your letter about Canadian Ruffed Grouse we may be able to get specimens known to have been shot in the vicinity of Montreal and Quebec the only way for us to do so, will be to get a resident who knows the farmers and can get them direct, as market specimens may come from anywhere.
Do you want half a dozen from each locality or half a dozen in all?
Partridge are not uncommon in the vicinity of Montreal but naturally hard to shoot.

Yours truly

O. Spanner & Co

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Oct. 13, 1899.